

# **The story of the Three Hunters: The Lion, the Wolf, and the Fox**

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## **Chapter 1: The Lesson of Experience in the Animal Kingdom**

### **A Predatory Alliance: The Lion, the Wolf, and the Fox**

**Şāhib Qalyūbī narrates an incident that reveals how even animals benefit from experience. Once, a lion, a wolf, and a fox set out together on a hunting expedition. Their joint effort bore fruit, and they succeeded in capturing three animals: a donkey, a deer, and a hare.**

## **An Unwise Division: The Wolf's Misjudgement**

**The lion addressed the wolf and said that he should divide the catch among them.**

**Lion:**

**“Divide these among us.”**

**The wolf responded confidently.**

**Wolf:**

**“The division is clear. The donkey is for you, the hare for travel provisions, and the deer is mine.”**

**Upon hearing this, the lion struck the wolf on the head with his paw.**

## **A Cautious Turn: The Fox's Division**

**Turning to the fox, the lion gave the same instruction.**

**Lion:**

**“Now you divide them among us.”**

**The fox responded with careful precision.**

**Fox:**

**“The donkey is for the king's breakfast, the hare for his evening meal, and the deer is to be consumed between the two.”**

## **Recognition Through Observation:**

**The lion, evidently pleased with this answer, questioned the fox about the origin of such wise judgement.**

**Lion:**

**“May Allah destroy you! Who taught you this division?”**

**Fox:**

**“I learned it from the blow I just witnessed.”**

**With that, the fox swiftly turned away and fled.**